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Story of the AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CAMPAIGN FOR \$1,000,000

by

Frank P. Hill, Chairman A. L. A. War Finance Committee
and Emma V. Baldwin, Secretary

In the spring of 1917 the President of the American Library Association, Mr. Walter L. Brown, appointed a committee to report on "Our libraries and the War." This report recommended, among other important matters, that a War Committee be appointed and that this War Committee be authorized to solicit funds for the establishment and administration of libraries in the camps and cantonments.

Such a "working committee" was appointed by the President at the Louisville Conference, and Dr. Herbert Putnam and R. R. Bowker of the original committee having declined reappointment, their places were filled by the appointment of J. I. Wyer, Jr., as chairman, and Frank P. Hill.

Several meetings of the War Service Committee, as it was finally designated, were held at Louisville, and subcommittees appointed. Frank P. Hill was named chairman of the Finance Committee, with power to appoint other members. He asked time to consider this offer, stating that it would require a large sum of money to put the enterprise on a solid basis, and that unless a way could be found to raise the required funds it would be useless to undertake it. The first encouragement came from Miss Josephine A. Rathbone of Pratt Institute, who suggested that monthly pledges be secured from librarians and others interested. A start was made in this direction at Louisville, where pledges amounting to over \$100 per month were made.

The first individual subscription was of \$5,000, from Alfred Hafner, a life member of the Association.

Although the amount already pledged on the monthly subscription basis would not go far toward making up the total amount needed it was an indication of the sympathy of librarians throughout the country. With this evidence of their willingness to coöperate, the chairman worked out a plan for reaching:

- (a) 3,000 members of the A. L. A.
- (b) 6,000 libraries.
- (c) Library commissions, library associations, etc.
- (d) Trustees of the 6,000 libraries.
- (e) Interested friends and patrons of libraries.

While the plan formed an excellent basis, the chairman of the War Finance Committee was not satisfied that it would produce the required amount of money, and it was not until a further consideration showed that an expansion of the tentative plan could be devised, that he accepted the position of chairman.

He then began the study of possibilities and prepared a budget which called for not less than \$250,000 for buildings, \$250,000 for books and \$128,700 for the expenses for the first year.

Realizing the necessity of securing the coöperation of librarians in all parts of the country, and appreciating the advantage of securing the counsel and advice of men of financial and business experience, the chairman then selected a representative committee including the librarian and a member of the Board of Trustees of some of the larger libraries of the country. The complete committee is named on p. 3.

Returning from Louisville the chairman of the War Service Committee and the

chairman of the War Finance Committee stopped at White Sulphur Springs where they met Mr. Edward L. Tilton, architect, who had been asked by the chairman of the Finance Committee to serve on that committee in order that the War Service Committee might have the benefit of his judgment and experience. At this conference it was decided that unless the work could be planned on a large scale there was no use to attempt it, and that it would require a large amount of money to put through the project in a way to bring credit to the A. L. A.

En route home Messrs. Wyer, Tilton and Hill stopped at Washington and found that Dr. Putnam as the representative of the American Library Association had been requested by Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities, to erect library buildings at the various camps and cantonments and to furnish books to soldiers and sailors. This placed us in direct official relations with the War Department, and by appointment we visited the Quartermaster's Department and on plans located buildings at the camps.

Reaching New York Mr. Tilton, who had been reminded that the A. L. A. needed the active coöperation of the Carnegie Corporation, invited Messrs. Putnam, Wyer and Hill to meet Messrs. James Bertram and R. A. Franks, representatives of the Carnegie Corporation, at luncheon July, 5, 1917. At the luncheon a letter submitted by the chairman of the War Service Committee, asking for \$320,000 for the erection of thirty-two library buildings was discussed, and it was evident that the proposition appealed to the representatives of the Carnegie Corporation present. Very late in the summer the Corporation acted favorably upon the request, conditioned upon the A. L. A. first raising an equivalent amount.

The tentative plan for raising the money outlined by the chairman was submitted to several people acquainted with "drives" in the hope of assistance in expanding it, but it was not until the Red Cross head-

quarters at Washington was visited that real help came. Our representatives were turned over to Mr. Harold Braddock, who had been in the thick of the big Red Cross drive for \$100,000,000, to whom the tentative plan was submitted. After consideration he reported that by the extension of our plan, it would be comparatively easy to raise \$1,000,000 through the agency of the A. L. A.

Together we worked out the final draft* and submitted it to Messrs. Henius, Brett, Cole, Levi, Hafner and Tilton of the War Finance Committee, who met at the New York Public Library, July 23, 1918.

To put on a drive to raise \$1,000,000 required the raising of \$50,000 for expenses, and this proved a stumbling-block, until Dr. Max Henius, then president of the Chicago Public Library Board, suggested that the amount be underwritten by libraries and individuals at \$1,000 each. As a test of sincerity of purpose \$3,000 was immediately pledged for this purpose.

On July 28 at a meeting in Atlantic City of a few librarians from the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Connecticut and the District of Columbia the sum of \$7,000 more was raised.

The committee having met with this encouragement sent out an appeal to fifty-three libraries with the result that \$50,000 was pledged in less than two weeks, of which only the sum of \$44,700 was called for. A list of the contributors appears as Appendix A.

This sum was raised with the distinct understanding that the amounts should be paid back to the contributors after the \$1,000,000 fund had been raised. (It was understood that the fund was for general expenses but when it was found that local expenses would be contracted and must be guaranteed by the Finance Committee the War Service Committee appropriated \$70,000 to pay back the contributors and to meet local expenses. This

*The draft was later printed and distributed in pamphlet form.

account is to be found in detail in Appendix B.)

The project was now fairly launched. Mr. Braddock was selected as Campaign Director, and he in turn engaged Harold Flack as Assistant Director and D. P. Beardsley as Assistant Treasurer. To these men and especially to Mr. Braddock, who worked indefatigably day and night, much of the success of organizing and developing the campaign is due.

The Secretary of War gave his sanction to the plan by the appointment of the following Library War Council to assist the A. L. A. War Finance Committee:

Frank A. Vanderlip, Chairman,
Asa G. Candler,
P. P. Claxton,
J. Randolph Coolidge,
Mrs. Josiah E. Cowles,
John H. Finley,
James A. Flaherty,
E. T. Stotesbury,
Theodore N. Vail,
Harry A. Wheeler.

This Council rendered the greatest material service, both nationally and locally, to the committee, several of the members taking active part in local campaigns.

Headquarters of the Finance Committee was established at the Public Library, Washington, D. C., whose trustees had generously offered space in the library building for the purpose.

Early in August the organization was completed by the employment of twelve field directors whose duty it was to set up the machinery in the states and cities, and to assist local directors in placing the subject before the people of the country.

In order to present the plan of campaign before as many people as possible, a conference of librarians and trustees was called to meet in Washington, August 14, 1917. This was attended by about one hundred members of the A. L. A. and was addressed by Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the Commission on Training Camp Activities, and by Dr. P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, and J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., members of the Library War Council.

A second session was held on the following morning when instructions were given to field directors and library representatives from various sections of the country.

Those who attended this conference enthusiastically endorsed the plan of campaign, and went home filled with confidence that the country would respond to the appeal made by the American Library Association for \$1,000,000. This confidence was not misplaced. Librarians, trustees and friends all over the country entered into the nationwide campaign with faith, hope and optimism.

The result of the efforts of the combined agencies went beyond the fondest expectations of the most sanguine and is shown in Table C, which gives the details of receipts by states and cities, together with the expenses of collection.

To raise \$1,000,000 from a nation with over a hundred million inhabitants required the contribution in dollars equal to less than one per cent of the population. In view of the shortness of time in which to arouse an interest in the project and to complete the necessary organization for the work, it seemed probable that we should be obliged in this campaign to depend almost entirely upon the larger cities, although the smaller communities were not neglected in the appeal. It was therefore decided to request each community to raise a sum equal to five per cent of its population, with the idea that the cities participating in the campaign would make up for those communities which could not be reached. In their enthusiasm some cities set goals in excess of that apportionment. Contrary to our expectations, however, it was in the small communities that the fund received the most liberal support, and consequently, while few large cities reached their goal of five per cent many of the small towns reported receipts far in excess of their goals. The reasons for this are easy to understand when we consider the complications of modern urban life and the difficulty of securing concerted action.

In the original plan the week of September 24 was set as the time for the drive, but many communities were so impatient to get the work started that funds were solicited almost as soon as the plan was announced. At the beginning of the drive many circumstances tended to increase the difficulties of the workers, such as the vast numbers of influential people who were away on vacation; conflict with other campaigns; pressure of local business, etc., but though disappointed, the librarians on the whole were not disheartened, and continued to work in spite of all drawbacks.

The campaign was peculiar in many respects. In the first place, the amount to be raised was in reality a very small sum when considered in relation to the population and resources of the country. As a consequence the elaborate organization which had been necessary in the Red Cross campaign was not needed in this. The task given the field directors was a new one, for in most campaigns they are sent to do intensive work in cities within a limited territory, while in this campaign a single field director was assigned to a group of states. The field directors, too, were handicapped by their lack of knowledge of librarians and library conditions, and some of the librarians, on their side, expected that the field directors, being experts, were to raise the fund without help.

But what was lacking in experience was made up in determination. This was shown by the practically unanimous request that came from all parts of the country for permission to continue the campaign beyond the week which had been set for it. In place of being eager to drop the work most librarians seemed to be reluctant to give up until every available dollar had been secured. Returns continued to pour in during the last three months of the year and over \$27,000 was received on the last day of December.

The goal set in this campaign was not only reached, it was almost doubled. While this result was made possible only by the hard and continuous work on the part of

librarians, trustees and the civic organizations and other individuals who participated in this work, we believe most librarians will endorse the statement made by one of our members:

"It has been a strong pull but I am glad we decided to do our part. Better than the four thousand dollars contributed is the very general interest and appreciation of the whole thing by the many people who have made their small contributions, running all the way from three cents, from a poor Polish woman, to a hundred dollars. The byproduct of interest in our local library is worth much to us."

The total net amount raised, as reported by the chairman of the War Finance Committee on January 19, 1918, when the final report in detail was submitted to the A. L. A. Finance Committee, was \$1,570,386.44 in cash, with additional subscriptions reported but not received, bringing the grand total up to \$1,727,554.25. (Table C shows the total amount received up to April 1.)

Fear was expressed by some librarians that the cost of collecting the money would be out of proportion to the amount received. The committee is gratified to report that the cost was kept within reasonable limits and amounted to 4.2 per cent, including amounts spent nationally as well as those reported by the various states and cities.

On October 3, when the cash receipts warranted the A. L. A. in going ahead, the Finance Committee recommended the appointment of Dr. Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, as General Director, and the War Service Committee acted favorably upon the recommendation. Since the above date the administration of the affairs of the War Service Committee has been in the hands of Dr. Putnam.

The War Finance Committee found that it could not close its accounts at once and so continued until January 19, 1918, when the A. L. A. Finance Committee audited the accounts and made its report to the Executive Board.

The response of the American people to

our appeal for funds for the conduct of the work which the government selected us to do has been extremely generous. Throughout the campaign the A. L. A. through its appointed representatives pledged the people of this country to furnish books and libraries to our soldiers and sailors wherever they might be. This work is constantly increasing in scope, and the task of meeting the demands and fulfilling our part in the war work of the nation demands the very best thought and effort of the members of the American Library As-

sociation; and the months to come will test and try us in every conceivable way, and prove whether or no we are worthy of the confidence which has been placed in us by the American people.

The Finance Committee under whose direction the campaign was conducted deeply appreciates the splendid response which was made in all parts of the country, and desires to acknowledge its indebtedness to all those who coöperated in this work and contributed so largely to the success of the undertaking.

APPENDIX A

List of Contributors to Campaign Fund

John Ashhurst	\$ 100.00
Baker & Taylor Co.....	1,000.00
Birmingham Public Library.....	1,000.00
Brooklyn Public Library.....	1,000.00
Chivers Book Binding Co.....	1,000.00
Detroit Public Library.....	1,000.00
Alfred Hafner	2,000.00
Dr. Max Henius.....	1,000.00
John Crerar Library.....	1,000.00
Library Bureau	1,000.00
Minneapolis Public Library.....	500.00
Thomas L. Montgomery.....	100.00
New Orleans Public Library.....	1,000.00
New York Public Library.....	1,000.00
New York State Library.....	1,000.00
Pratt Institute Free Library.....	1,000.00
Providence Public Library.....	1,000.00
Rockefeller Foundation	25,000.00
Washington County (Md.) Free Library.....	1,000.00
Youngstown Public Library.....	1,000.00
American Library Association.....	2,000.00
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	\$44,700.00

APPENDIX B

**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Library War Fund of the A. L. A.
(Books for Soldiers) to the Time the Fund was Transferred from the
War Finance Committee to C. B. Roden, Treasurer of the A. L. A.
American Security & Trust Co., Treasurer.**

Receipts

August to December, incl., 1917.....	\$1,522,797.06	
January 1 to 19, incl., 1918.....	50,356.73	
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	\$1,573,153.79	
Interest to December 31, 1917.....	1,614.62	\$1,574,768.41

Disbursements

Campaign expense detailed below.....	\$70,000.00	
Sundries	2,036.00	
To Herbert Putnam, general director.....	787,720.00	
To George B. Utley, executive secretary, War Service Com..	2,000.00	
To purchase of U. S. Treas. Certificates.....	500,000.00	
To accrued interest of U. S. Treas. Certificates to Jan. 4....	109.59	
Balance in bank, Jan. 23, 1918*.....	212,902.74	\$1,574,768.41

**Report of Disbursements of the Campaign Expense Fund
of \$70,000**

Sundry bills paid by People's Trust Co.....	\$ 352.64
Salaries	22,423.52
Maintenance	6,120.98
Travel	5,618.08
Telephone and telegraph.....	3,919.89
Postage and express.....	3,423.93
Advertising and printing.....	22,430.36
Office supplies and expense.....	1,568.43
Contingencies	331.32
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	\$66,189.15
Balance (returned to the American Security & Trust Co., treas.)	3,810.35
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	\$70,000.00

*Checks deposited on Jan. 19 in Brooklyn not received at bank until Jan. 23.

APPENDIX C

Statement of Contributions to the Library War Fund to April 1, 1918,† together with the Campaign Expenses to February 1, 1918

State—	Receipts				Expenditures		
	Monthly sub- scriptions	Campaign subscriptions	Total	Gross receipts	Ded. from contrib- utions	Paid by War Finance Committee	Total expenses
Alabama	\$ 22.00	\$ 11,808.34	\$ 11,830.34	\$ 12,260.36	\$ 430.02		\$ 430.02
Arizona		2,257.85	2,257.85	2,257.85		\$ 81.60	81.60
Arkansas		7,766.81	7,766.81	7,766.81			
California	82.00	48,216.30	48,298.30	48,298.30		24.76	24.76
Colorado		19,388.68	19,388.68	19,536.73	148.05		148.05
Connecticut	151.00	62,985.53	63,136.53	63,434.48	297.95		297.95
Delaware		13,422.58	13,422.58	13,422.58			
District of Columbia	181.50	10,416.57	10,598.07	10,598.07			
Florida		3,174.93	3,174.93	3,383.12	208.19		208.19
Georgia	33.40	6,294.85	6,328.25	6,626.65	298.40		298.40
Idaho		849.50	849.50	849.50			
Illinois	220.05	112,740.13	112,960.18	114,441.46	1,481.28	263.53	1,744.81
Indiana	50.00	48,361.55	48,411.55	49,414.42	1,002.87	485.92	1,488.79
Iowa	82.10	35,216.70	35,298.80	35,298.80			
Kansas	22.00	8,125.33	8,147.33	8,166.71	19.38		19.38
Kentucky	23.00	4,284.83	4,307.83	4,590.15	282.32		282.32
Louisiana	6.00	8,435.52	8,441.52	8,441.52		49.00	49.00
Maine	1.00	3,465.18	3,466.18	3,466.18			
Maryland	7.00	16,471.81	16,478.81	16,478.81		43.18	43.18
Massachusetts	233.50	190,955.06	191,188.56	191,199.79	11.23	10,254.87	10,266.10
Michigan	126.00	33,931.95	34,057.95	34,178.67	120.72		120.72
Minnesota	87.00	39,031.05	39,118.05	39,118.05		35.53	35.53
Mississippi		4,505.22	4,505.22	4,648.09	142.87		142.87
Missouri	62.10	20,971.91	21,034.01	21,634.01	600.00	54.74	654.74
Montana	4.00	1,134.36	1,138.36	1,138.36			
Nebraska	14.00	11,382.20	11,396.20	11,396.20			
Nevada		140.00	140.00	140.00			
New Hampshire	16.00	15,300.92	15,316.92	15,316.92			
New Jersey	113.00	51,077.66	51,190.66	51,190.66		65.01	65.01
New Mexico		30.45	30.45	30.45			
New York	470.50	220,685.68	221,156.18	221,540.71	384.53	2,729.82	3,114.35
North Carolina	5.00	4,831.77	4,836.77	4,836.77		100.45	100.45
North Dakota	10.00	5,898.48	5,908.48	5,908.48			
Ohio	178.00	104,435.43	104,613.43	105,161.68	548.25	1,583.38	2,131.63
Oklahoma	4.00	2,204.91	2,208.91	2,208.91			
Oregon	59.15	18,536.98	18,596.13	19,624.33	1,028.20		1,028.20
Pennsylvania	244.00	93,725.78	93,969.78	94,092.87	123.09	474.35	597.44
Rhode Island	24.00	25,874.85	25,898.85	25,912.15	13.30	775.79	789.09
South Carolina		5,806.78	5,806.78	5,806.78			
South Dakota	5.00	9,393.96	9,398.96	9,438.45	39.49	178.47	217.96
Tennessee	7.00	14,121.55	14,128.55	14,128.55		374.00	374.00
Texas	43.00	16,347.39	16,390.39	16,390.39		23.48	23.48
Utah	27.00	6,000.00	6,027.00	6,027.00			
Vermont	12.00	13,549.52	13,561.52	13,561.52			
Virginia	20.00	15,315.52	15,335.52	15,335.52		352.88	352.88
Washington	26.05	21,829.73	21,855.78	22,397.38	541.60		541.60
West Virginia		1,780.23	1,780.23	1,780.23			
Wisconsin	82.00	41,296.40	41,378.40	42,333.42	955.02		955.02
Wyoming		4,442.97	4,442.97	4,442.97			
Hawaii	18.00		18.00	18.00			
New Zealand			1.00	1.00			
Carnegie Corpora- tion		320,000.00	320,000.00	320,000.00			
Anonymous		2.00	2.00	2.00			
Misc. and no ad- dress*		33.50	33.50	33.50			
General National Headquarters						46,982.56	46,982.56
Adv. to War Finance Com. and War Serv. Com.						1,255.83	1,255.83
	\$2,771.35	\$1,738,258.20	\$1,741,029.55	\$1,749,706.31	\$8,676.76	\$66,189.15	\$74,865.91
*Mary E. Don	5.00	Ruth Hummell .....	.50	Hazel G. Schlosser .....	.50		.50
Jessie E. MacCurdy	1.00	Glenna Kelly .....	.50	Isabel Sidey .....	.50		.50
Diminica Public Library ..	10.00	Helen M. Morse .....	.50	Alma M. Smith .....	.50		.50
Faze Benson .....	.50	Zenna Osgood .....	.50	Dorothy J. Stair .....	.50		.50
Agnes J. Brown .....	.50	G. N. Patton .....	.50	Grace Yates .....	.50		.50
Nellie Burmeister .....	.50	Jessie M. Poppy .....	.50	Mary Yanke .....	.50		.50
Phillis Campbell .....	.50	Verda Ratcliff .....	.50	L. L. Dubaney	2.00		2.00
Mrs. A. D. Case .....	.50	Elsie J. Eamley .....	.50	Ellen H. Hoffman	5.00		5.00
Kate Apples .....	.50	A. J. Royal .....	.50				

\$33.50

†Campaign subscriptions passing through A. L. A. treasurer's office since latter part of March and monthly subscriptions since Jan. 19 not included.

Contributions by States
Cities and Towns Contributing \$200 or More Listed Separately

Alabama	
Albany	\$ 202.00
Anniston	233.00
Bessemer	356.35
Birmingham	4,326.12
Corona	205.00
Decatur	200.10
Dothan	300.00
Florence	206.80
Gadsden	590.10
Mobile	946.55
Montgomery	1,320.23
Selma	383.50
Tuscaloosa	265.50
Total contributions from 50 other towns	2,703.11
Monthly contributions	22.00
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	\$12,260.36

Arizona	
State at large (no report by counties or towns)	\$2,257.85

Arkansas	
State at large (no report by counties or towns)	\$7,766.81

California*	
Alameda	\$ 6,536.28
Anaheim	250.00
Calaveras	261.60
Colusa	222.34
Contra Costa	700.68
Fresno	1,210.48
Fullerton	201.15
Glenn	377.05
Imperial County	450.42
Kern	553.00
Kings	443.55
Long Beach	768.78
Los Angeles	12,973.52
Los Angeles County	723.89
Marin County	508.00
Merced	405.00
Monterey	545.05
Napa	206.00
Nevada County	345.14
Orange	300.00
Pasadena	1,570.00
Redlands	378.37
Riverside County	650.00
Sacramento	1,324.04
San Bernardino	283.87
San Diego	1,772.37
San Joaquin	1,921.23
San Luis Obispo	320.00
San Mateo	638.50
Santa Ana	421.00
Santa Barbara	691.15

Santa Clara	1,886.25
Santa Monica	400.00
Siskiyou County	646.16
Solano County	1,261.01
Sonoma	828.48
Stanislaus	684.90
Tulare County	685.08
Tuolumne	214.85
Ventura	545.82
Whittier	309.17
Yolo	373.55
Yuba	210.95
Total contributions from 28 other counties	2,217.62
Monthly contributions	82.00
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	\$48,298.30

*Subscriptions for mag- azines	\$ 50.00
Sonoma Co. Board of Supervisors spent for books at Camp Fré- mont	125.00

Colorado	
State at large (not distributed by towns)	\$11,173.95
Boulder	970.83
Cañon City	211.15
Colorado Springs	3,365.50
Denver	767.67
Fort Collins	747.50
Longmont	605.02
Loveland	254.20
Pueblo	1,081.26
Total contributions from 5 other towns	359.65
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	\$19,536.73

Connecticut	
Ansonia	\$ 955.66
Berlin	286.15
Bethel	275.50
Branford	652.00
Bridgeport	8,581.17
Bristol	250.00
Danbury	806.76
Darien	311.80
Derby	522.32
East Hartford	702.00
East Windsor	354.55
Enfield	543.50
Essex	214.35
Fairfield	400.00
Farmington	471.45
Glastonbury	332.05
Greenwich	1,230.69
Hartford	8,516.43
Killingly	219.10
Litchfield	340.40

SARATOGA SPRINGS CONFERENCE

Manchester	1,104.53
Meriden	1,859.14
Middletown	910.12
Milford	383.50
Naugatuck	751.97
New Britain	2,760.00
New Canaan	524.35
New Haven	6,064.53
New London	302.25
North Canaan	300.40
Norwalk	781.48
Orange	466.00
Plymouth	218.17
Portland	202.00
Putnam	331.00
Salisbury	329.50
Saybrook	218.03
Seymour	431.50
Shelton	365.69
Simsbury	210.32
South Windsor	203.25
Southington	312.50
Stamford	1,040.00
Stratford	592.25
Suffield	222.35
Torrington	1,245.23
Vernon	702.80
Wallingford	341.01
Waterbury	7,836.25
Waterford	220.00
Watertown	360.15
West Hartford	512.46
Wethersfield	277.05
Winchester	342.96
Windham	413.83
Windsor	352.75
Windsor Locks	382.20
Total contributions from 107 other towns	8,446.08
Monthly contributions	151.00
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	\$63,434.48

On hand, not forwarded..\$317.97

DelawareState at large (no report by
counties or towns)..... \$13,422.58**District of Columbia**

Regular subscriptions	\$10,416.57
Monthly contributions	181.50
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	\$10,598.07

Florida

Jacksonville	\$1,226.01
Pensacola	200.00
Tampa	851.55
Total contributions from 38 other towns	1,105.56
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	\$3,383.12

Balance in bank not for-
warded\$104.48

Georgia	
Athens	\$ 579.27
Atlanta	1,688.55
Columbus	400.50
Macon	391.00
Savannah	1,401.50
Total contributions from 39 other towns	2,132.43
Monthly contributions	33.40
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	\$6,626.65

Idaho

Coeur d'Alene	\$322.75
Lewistown	439.75
Total contributions from 2 other towns	87.00
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	\$849.50

Illinois

Belleville	\$ 775.00
Bloomington	1,128.05
Chicago	93,199.07
Elmhurst	266.14
Galesburg	908.66
Harvard	225.45
Highland Park	350.00
Jacksonville	721.55
Kewanee	421.20
La Salle	606.73
Mattoon	565.00
Normal	250.00
Oak Park	1,555.25
Peoria	320.03
Pontiac	235.00
Quincy	1,160.12
Rock Island	1,516.00
Rockford	1,531.93
Springfield	2,369.63
Sycamore	200.00
Taylorville	253.41
Urbana	265.60
Waukegan	501.86
Total contributions from 70 other towns	4,895.73
Monthly contributions	220.05
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	\$114,441.46

Indiana

Anderson	\$ 1,390.00
Auburn	200.07
Aurora	243.15
Bloomington	225.25
Bluffton	535.92
Boonville	257.23
Clinton	1,085.00
Connersville	910.49
Crawfordsville	532.80
Crown Point	200.00
Decatur	232.00
Elkhart	379.10
Elwood	480.00
Evansville	4,619.22
Fort Wayne	2,535.45

Franklin	308.83	Marion	235.69
Gary	2,762.53	Mason City	1,300.64
Hartford City	300.00	Monticello	250.00
Huntington	594.65	Oskaloosa	1,861.21
Indianapolis	6,204.36	Ottumwa	202.95
Jeffersonville	388.71	Pella	322.44
Kokomo	821.29	Perry	230.35
La Fayette	1,048.53	Rock Rapids	551.00
La Grange	429.18	Sigourney, Keokuk County....	1,006.55
La Porte	824.85	Sioux City	1,414.50
Lawrenceburg	298.00	Storm Lake	808.10
Lebanon	372.03	Tipton	315.75
Legonier	360.90	Washington and County.....	690.90
Logansport	1,003.36	Waukon, Allawakee County....	223.13
Madison	405.00	Waverly, Bremer County.....	262.22
Marion	501.00	Total contributions from 110	
Martinsville	326.86	other towns	4,755.59
Michigan City	626.57	Monthly contributions	82.10
Mishawaka	650.00		
Mt. Vernon	217.25		\$35,298.80
Muncie	1,692.78	Kansas	
New Albany	1,225.00	Arkansas City	\$ 500.00
Noblesville	285.48	Cherryvale	259.00
Peru	500.00	Emporia	794.29
Princeton	394.00	Independence	600.00
Richmond	1,133.70	Kansas City	519.62
Rushville	245.00	Manhattan	304.50
Shelbyville	738.56	Pittsburg	221.81
South Bend	2,608.34	Salina	300.00
Sullivan	257.25	Topeka	1,178.35
Valparaiso	1,125.40	Wellington	255.00
Vincennes	295.00	Wichita	1,700.64
Wabash	376.00	Winfield	201.77
West Lafayette	221.65	Total contributions from 26 other	
Whiting	325.00	towns	1,309.73
Winchester	228.25	Monthly contributions	22.00
Total contributions from 71 other			
towns	5,443.43		\$8,166.71
Monthly contributions	50.00	Kentucky	
	\$49,414.42	Campbell County	\$ 350.00
Iowa		Henderson County	420.06
Algona	\$ 1,046.25	Jefferson County	1,628.00
Ames	231.30	McCracken County	740.55
Anamosa	226.35	Contributions (total) from 16	
Audubon	732.09	other counties	1,428.54
Bloomfield	300.00	Monthly contributions	23.00
Boone and vicinity	947.48		
Cedar Rapids	2,451.11		\$4,590.15
Clarinda	258.40	Louisiana	
Clinton County	1,929.15	Lake Charles	\$ 802.50
Council Bluffs	947.90	New Orleans	5,941.90
Cresco	700.00	Parish of Jefferson	263.00
Davenport	1,139.11	Parish of Rapids	213.00
Des Moines	5,501.00	Parish of Ouachita	377.50
Dubuque	1,452.95	Parish of Terrebonne	291.45
Emmetsburg, Palo Alto Co.	360.00	Total contributions from 9 other	
Grinnell	319.93	towns and parishes	546.17
Grundy Center	312.35	Monthly contributions	6.00
Jefferson County	600.00		
Knoxville, Marion Co.	443.56		\$8,441.52
Le Mars	251.50	Maine	
Leon	221.50	Augusta	\$ 325.00
Manchester	413.75	Belfast	250.00

Biddeford	855.15	Haverhill	2,556.00
Madison	200.00	Hingham Center	306.80
Portland	707.04	Holyoke	2,294.82
Presque Isle	219.50	Hopedale	509.07
Waterville	436.61	Hudson	492.00
Total contributions from 14 other towns	471.88	Ipswich	340.36
Monthly contributions	1.00	Kingston	214.00
	<hr/>	Lancaster	617.84
	\$3,466.18	Lawrence	291.33
Maryland		Lee	260.06
Alleghany County	\$ 1,777.00	Leominster	928.98
Anne Arundel County	270.69	Lexington	500.00
Baltimore	10,014.00	Lincoln	224.00
Baltimore County	233.54	Longmeadow	211.70
Montgomery County	335.75	Lowell	2,964.86
Queen Anne County	429.53	Ludlow	645.91
Washington County	1,826.65	Lynn	881.88
Wicomico County	892.27	Malden	2,270.00
Total contributions from 10 other counties	692.38	Manchester	230.00
Monthly contributions	7.00	Marblehead	303.00
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	\$16,478.81	Medford	852.65
Massachusetts		Melrose	301.00
Abington	\$ 395.00	Milford	200.00
Adams	273.29	Millbury	262.26
Amesbury	446.92	Milton	1,900.74
Amherst	314.53	Monson	250.00
Andover	613.50	Nahant	229.70
Arlington	750.50	Natick	759.05
Attleboro	938.15	Needham	369.96
Auburn	257.08	New Bedford	5,544.00
Belmont	1,277.96	Newburyport	644.05
Beverly	1,370.56	Newton	4,528.40
Boston	58,371.27	North Adams	1,148.00
Bourne	245.00	North Andover	390.67
Braintree	284.25	North Attleboro	246.00
Bridgewater	236.21	North Easton	530.01
Brockton	3,421.83	Northampton	202.00
Brookline	8,070.94	Northbridge	714.25
Cambridge	5,261.61	Norton	230.05
Canton	368.29	Norwood	787.50
Chelsea	572.10	Orange	229.00
Chicopee	722.38	Palmer	500.00
Clinton	632.36	Peabody	1,026.00
Concord	351.00	Pittsfield	2,229.98
Dalton	622.97	Plymouth	1,108.07
Danvers	404.55	Quincy	2,365.42
Dedham	608.85	Reading	527.15
Dover	405.50	Rockland	363.75
Duxbury	307.01	Rockport	225.00
Everett	1,610.00	Salem	1,629.94
Fairhaven	431.55	Sharon	202.50
Fall River	3,317.97	Shrewsbury	200.00
Fitchburg	2,070.88	Somerville	1,625.63
Framingham	1,000.00	South Hadley	474.16
Gardner	978.99	Southbridge	240.62
Gloucester	636.86	Spencer	358.25
Grafton	344.48	Springfield	8,105.76
Great Barrington	527.19	Stoughton	359.53
Greenfield	608.22	Taunton	447.61
Groton	261.55	Turners Falls	303.11
		Uxbridge	256.25
		Wakefield	760.33
		Walpole	270.00

Waltham	1,839.51
Ware	234.00
Wareham	299.00
Watertown	1,100.00
Wayland	300.00
Webster	469.27
Wellesley	610.00
West Springfield	467.78
Westfield	835.25
Westford	362.86
Weymouth	705.00
Whitman	411.05
Williamstown	205.73
Winchendon	443.18
Winchester	974.00
Winthrop	665.00
Worcester	7,517.71
Total contributions from 249 other towns	12,480.69
Monthly contributions	233.50

\$191,199.79**Michigan**

Ann Arbor	\$ 1,501.43
Alpena	271.00
Big Rapids	250.00
Cadillac	717.75
Calumet	1,525.00
Detroit	16,495.25
Escanaba	306.00
Grand Haven	200.00
Grand Rapids	4,009.81
Jackson	1,631.15
Kalamazoo	240.39
Ludington	500.00
Menominee	618.65
Monroe	380.75
Niles	300.00
Owosso	230.00
Port Huron	927.10
Saginaw	1,500.00
Stambaugh	218.65
Ypsilanti	206.00
Total contributions from 26 other towns	2,023.74
Monthly contributions	126.00

\$34,178.67**Minnesota**

Amoka County	\$ 200.00
Bigstone County and Ortonville	472.46
Blue Earth County and Mankato	1,057.49
Brown County	412.78
Carlton County and Cloquet....	365.00
Clay County and Moorehead....	352.53
Crow Wing County	243.50
Dakota County and Hastings....	482.09
Faribault County	352.64
Fillmore County	503.92
Goodhue County and Red Wing..	547.26
Hennepin County	12,037.48
Itasca County	506.64
Kandiyohi County	385.25

Koochiching County	260.54
Lake County and Two Harbors..	453.80
Olmstead County	400.00
Otter-Tail County and Fergus Falls	405.46
Pennington County	245.99
Pine County	320.71
Polk County	807.65
Ramsey County	3,500.00
Redwood County	287.61
Renville County	279.15
Rice County	381.00
Rock County and Luverne.....	255.56
St. Louis County.....	7,751.50
Stearns County	809.89
Steele County	300.04
Wabasha County	339.50
Waseca County	221.00
Washington County	238.65
Winona County	670.04
Total contributions from 33 other counties	3,183.92
Monthly contributions	87.00

\$39,118.05**Mississippi**

Claiborne County	\$ 206.81
Hinds County	311.30
Lauderdale County	314.80
Sunflower County	416.25
Washington County	425.35
Yazoo County	205.20
Total contributions from 39 other counties	2,768.38

\$4,648.09**Missouri**

State at large.....	\$ 21.50
Cape Girardeau	357.00
Jefferson City	486.46
Joplin	483.50
Kansas City	3,540.50
Latom	235.01
Nevada	277.00
Rolla	200.00
St. Joseph	473.75
St. Louis	12,672.62
Sedalia	733.55
Webb City	322.81
Total contributions from 37 other towns	1,768.21
Monthly contributions	62.10

\$21,634.01**Montana**

Great Falls	\$ 264.85
Kalispell	369.41
Lewistown	407.25
Total contributions from 4 other towns	92.85
Monthly contributions	4.00

\$1,138.36

Nebraska

Alliance	\$ 350.00
Beatrice	238.20
Blair	290.03
Central City	250.50
College View	238.73
Fairbury	483.76
Hastings	792.85
Lincoln	2,408.48
Madison County	780.75
Neligh	259.45
Shelton	205.00
Thayer County	207.00
Wayne	223.00
Total contributions from 57 other towns	4,654.45
Monthly contributions	14.00
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	\$11,396.20

Nevada

Carson City	\$140.00
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New Hampshire

State at large.....	\$ 195.78
Berlin	700.00
Claremont	405.00
Concord	1,036.03
Derry	264.57
Dover	900.00
Exeter	250.00
Franklin	315.00
Keene	392.30
Laconia	335.19
Manchester	3,622.11
Milford	200.00
Nashua	614.00
Peterborough	319.48
Rochester	309.25
Total contributions from 114 other towns	5,442.21
Monthly contributions	16.00
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	\$15,316.92

New Jersey

Asbury Park	\$ 658.00
Atlantic City	785.00
Bayonne	1,279.11
Belleville	269.25
Bernards Township	688.20
Bloomfield	330.00
Bound Brook	300.00
Bridgeton	358.10
Burlington	286.00
Camden	1,609.10
Collinswood	352.13
Dover	500.00
East Orange	1,800.00
Elizabeth	2,550.20
Englewood	721.00
Flemington	242.50
Freehold	306.23
Hackensack	801.09
Haddonfield	243.96

Harrison	500.00
Hoboken	1,800.00
Kearney	1,636.19
Lakewood	335.00
Lambertville	368.20
Leonia	205.00
Madison	717.49
Millville	549.17
Montclair	1,659.50
Moorestown	435.00
Morristown	1,546.68
Navesink	303.55
Newark	3,247.96
New Brunswick	1,146.39
Orange	992.74
Passaic	1,964.08
Paterson	2,500.00
Perth Amboy	2,449.21
Plainfield	1,260.00
Princeton	648.53
Rahway	500.00
Roselle	203.70
Rutherford	361.00
South Amboy	375.63
South Orange	711.00
Summit	495.72
Trenton	2,000.00
Town-of-Union	575.36
Verona	223.55
Vineland	455.60
Westfield	329.94
West Hoboken	1,122.12
West Orange	242.70
Total contribution from 83 other towns	5,136.78
Monthly contributions	113.00
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	\$51,190.66

New Mexico

Contributions from two towns..	\$30.45
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New York

Albany	\$ 4,717.00
Auburn	490.90
Bath	203.25
Beacon	713.31
Bronxville	408.00
Buffalo	13,107.89
Canajoharie	404.00
Canandaigua	379.20
Canton	338.85
Cohoes	449.19
Corning	857.09
Cortland	723.29
Dansville	228.61
Elmira	1,031.72
Endicott	1,000.00
Fairport	245.11
Freeport	260.60
Fulton	500.00
Garden City and Hempstead....	295.60
Geneva	431.22
Glen Cove	719.41

Gouverneur	224.73	Grand Forks County.....	303.60
Groton	206.75	Jamestown	238.15
Harrison	286.29	Minot	311.97
Herkimer	614.66	Pierce County	369.47
Hornell	617.44	Ramsey County	286.95
Hudson Falls	361.70	Total from 74 other towns....	2,939.26
Ilion and Mohawk	500.00	Monthly contributions	10.00
Irvington-on-Hudson	339.22		
Ithaca	784.43		\$5,908.48
Jefferson County	300.00	Ohio	
Johnstown	701.75	State at large.....\$	199.46
Leroy	250.00	Akron	5,000.54
Lewiston	273.97	Alliance	387.05
Little Falls	555.50	Ashtabula	827.98
Locust Valley	252.00	Athens	342.61
Massena	226.59	Bryan	536.56
Millbrook	1,064.20	Cambridge	677.25
New York (including Brooklyn		Canton	563.00
and Queens)	151,802.37	Carrollton	585.26
North Tonawanda	600.00	Celina	205.76
Norwich	709.55	Chillicothe	772.00
Ogdensburg	700.00	Cincinnati	14,700.00
Olean	750.50	Circleville	400.00
Oneonta	525.46	Cleveland	35,540.33
Perry	250.00	Conneaut	506.75
Plattsburg	358.15	Cuyahoga Falls	359.30
Portville	350.00	Dayton	7,914.04
Potsdam	207.85	Defiance	262.00
Poughkeepsie	1,070.00	Defiance County	369.72
Rochester	7,500.00	Delaware	455.75
Rockville Centre	280.30	Elyria	264.70
Rome	1,257.00	Hamilton	515.11
Saugerties	425.00	Jefferson County	227.52
Suffern	200.00	Lorain	890.40
Syracuse	281.00	Mansfield	452.68
Tarrytown	286.00	Marion	500.00
Troy	1,801.88	Martins Ferry	460.39
Utica	4,301.01	Maryville	200.00
Warsaw	250.00	Massillon	825.00
Watertown	375.00	Medina	297.30
Wellsville	250.00	Middletown	1,321.50
Total contributions from 162		New Philadelphia	405.00
other towns	11,475.67	Oberlin	220.00
Monthly contributions	470.50	Painesville	411.25
		Ravenna	297.62
	\$221,540.71	Salem	500.00
North Carolina		Sandusky	600.00
Asheville	\$1,060.60	Sidney	400.00
Charlotte	1,275.07	Springfield	1,589.64
Elizabeth City	490.85	Stark County	679.55
Goldsboro	350.00	Toledo	5,527.05
Greensboro	408.49	Troy	309.73
Rocky Mount	516.30	Urbana	425.00
Total contributions from 18 other		Van Wert	474.52
towns	730.46	Warren	1,330.15
Monthly contributions	5.00	Wayne County	218.68
	\$4,836.77	Willoughby Township	650.00
North Dakota		Wilmington	275.95
Barnes County	\$ 252.98	Xenia	483.57
Bowman County	250.00	Youngstown	8,363.32
Burleigh County	335.00	Total from 92 other towns....	5,262.69
Divide County and Crosby.....	225.00	Monthly contributions	178.00
Ellendale	386.10		\$105,161.68

Oklahoma

Bartlesville	\$ 375.00
Enid	574.00
Oklahoma	255.91
Tulsa	1,000.00
Monthly contributions	4.00

\$2,208.91**Oregon**

Astoria	\$ 835.15
Baker	605.00
Corvallis	310.25
Eugene	414.95
Grants Pass	321.95
Medford	312.78
Oregon City	411.75
Pendleton	434.00
Portland	8,937.96
Salem	539.00
Total contribution from 125 other towns	6,442.39
Monthly contributions	59.15

\$19,624.33**Pennsylvania**

Allentown	\$ 1,185.94
Ambridge, Fair Oaks and Baden	487.00
Aspinwall	211.51
Beaver Falls	853.98
Bellefonte	248.59
Bethlehem	1,128.00
Bloomsburg	400.06
Braddock	1,269.71
Bradford	1,105.00
Butler	821.99
Carlisle	509.53
Carnegie	675.59
Chambersburg	616.25
Connellsville	642.72
Conshohocken	716.90
Danville	400.00
Dorrancton	205.91
Duquesne	250.00
Easton	1,500.00
Erie	1,464.00
Greensburg	832.50
Grove City	200.33
Harrisburg	3,043.32
Hazleton	1,702.51
Homestead	2,119.55
Irwin	215.40
Jenkintown	233.50
Jersey Shore	354.80
Kane	300.00
Kingston	344.21
Knoxville	425.65
Lancaster	1,155.20
Lansdowne	260.50
Leetsdale	201.02
Lockhaven	435.00
Mauch Chunk	205.90
Mechanicsburg	267.60
Media	527.91
Milton	209.80

Montrose	285.11
New Brighton	358.50
Morristown	298.35
Northampton	411.16
Oil City	1,049.50
Pennsburg	222.50
Philadelphia	19,467.33
Phoenixville	414.00
Pittsburg	22,518.25
Plymouth	316.00
Pottsville	1,477.70
Quakertown	222.50
Rochester	400.00
Royersford	216.75
Scottsdale	300.00
Sewickley	419.00
Shamokin	1,050.85
Sharon and environs	1,527.08
Sunbury	700.00
Titusville	496.00
Warren	500.00
Washington	1,035.69
Wellsboro and Tioga County ..	387.00
West Chester	436.25
Wilkes-Barre	2,577.49
Williamsport	1,743.50
Total contributions from 113 other towns	7,290.98
Monthly contributions	244.00

\$94,092.87**Rhode Island**

Barrington	\$ 270.60
Bristol	382.00
Burrillville	441.65
Cranston	897.67
Cumberland and Lincoln	787.23
East Providence	426.49
Johnston	261.75
Newport	3,050.64
North Kingston	300.00
Pawtucket	3,221.20
Providence	10,557.57
Scituate	208.20
South Kingston	385.76
Warren	205.00
Warwick	324.72
Westerly	595.12
Woonsocket	1,352.60
Total contributions from 20 other towns	2,219.95
Monthly contributions	24.00

\$25,912.15**South Carolina**

State at large	\$ 872.91
Charleston	1,944.85
Columbia	706.60
Greenville	875.00
Marlborough County	308.00
Newberry	235.25
Total contributions from 10 other towns	864.17

\$5,806.78

South Dakota

Beadle County	\$ 269.00
Brookings County	666.63
Brown County	896.95
Davison County	525.00
Fall River County	275.00
Grant County	222.00
Kingsbury County	319.72
Lawrence County	486.45
Lincoln County	720.25
McPherson County	225.05
Minnehaha County	686.33
Pennington County and Rapid City	447.80
Roberts County	360.33
Total contributions from 41 other towns and counties	3,332.94
Monthly contributions	5.00
	<hr/> \$9,438.45

Tennessee

Bristol	\$ 225.00
Chattanooga	1,128.98
Jackson	505.70
Memphis	10,035.95
Nashville	1,918.25
Contributions from 4 other towns	307.67
Monthly contributions	7.00
	<hr/> \$14,128.55

Texas

State at large	\$ 1,120.43
Bell County	1,165.00
Bexar County	550.00
Brazos County	561.74
Dewitt County	300.00
Denton County	253.95
Ellis County	291.60
Fayette County	236.50
Grayson County	293.71
Harris County	2,500.00
Howard County	250.00
Jefferson County	312.60
Lamar County	500.00
Lampasas County	249.06
Lubbock	307.45
Marion County	235.34
McClellan County	526.00
Orange County	250.00
Taylor County	250.06
Titus County	218.00
Travis County	397.70
Wichita County	1,787.81
Williamson County	228.50
Total contributions from 39 other counties	3,561.94
Monthly contributions	43.00
	<hr/> \$16,390.39

Utah

State at large (not distributed)	\$6,000.00
Monthly contributions	27.00
	<hr/> \$6,027.00

Vermont

State at large	\$ 9,191.14
Bennington	475.74
Lyndonville	545.00
Montpelier	842.51
Rutland	910.00
St. Albans	400.00
St. Johnsbury	455.30
Total contributions from 13 other towns	729.83
Monthly contributions	12.00
	<hr/> \$13,561.52

Virginia

Charlottesville	\$ 355.40
Covington	216.00
Danville	513.02
Fauquier County	581.50
Hampton	248.71
Lynchburg	982.07
Petersburg	921.91
Richmond	5,470.92
Roanoke	1,865.00
Salem	200.00
Suffolk	218.49
Total contributions from 59 other towns	3,742.50
Monthly contributions	20.00
	<hr/> \$15,335.52

Washington*

Aberdeen	\$ 750.00
Bremerton	208.60
Centralia	408.25
Chehalis	238.40
Everett	680.29
Hoquiam	600.00
Olympia	265.78
Seattle	9,361.80
Spokane	2,132.84
Tacoma	1,553.36
Walla Walla	810.00
Wenatchee	312.86
Yakima	900.60
State Federation of Women's Clubs	897.55
State at large (mainly rural schools)	2,227.30
Total contributions from 15 other towns	1,023.70
Monthly contributions	26.05
	<hr/> \$22,397.38

*A contribution of \$52.00 was sent to Camp Lewis.

West Virginia

State at large	\$ 925.73
Wheeling	764.50
Total contributions from 2 other towns	90.00
	<hr/> \$1,780.23

SARATOGA SPRINGS CONFERENCE

Wisconsin

Antigo	\$ 374.27
Appleton	467.35
Beloit	916.88
Columbus	250.69
Eau Claire	938.50
Fond du Lac.....	541.65
Green Bay	1,343.70
Hartford	203.10
Kaukauna	204.10
Kenosha	830.00
La Crosse	1,505.23
Lake Geneva.....	259.65
Madison	1,277.00
Manitowoc	650.10
Marshfield	346.00
Menasha	350.00
Merrill	210.85
Milwaukee	15,556.62
Mineral Point	230.24
Neenah	416.70
Oconto	271.85
Oshkosh	1,033.07
Racine	2,033.71
Reedsburg	251.95
Sheboygan	1,014.50
Sparta	200.00
Stoughton	269.70
Superior	2,009.44
Two Rivers	212.65
Vernon	249.27
Wausau	560.43

Washburn	216.51
Watertown	219.00
Waukesha	290.00
Waupun	203.88
Whitewater	200.00
Undistributed (check through Madison)	150.00
Total contributions from 228 other towns	5,992.53
Monthly contributions	82.00
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	\$42,333.42

Wyoming

Basin	\$ 440.25
Casper	400.00
Cheyenne	1,196.30
Douglas	206.74
Laramie	723.89
Rock Springs	330.50
Uinta County	263.88
Total contributions from 19 other towns	881.41
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	\$4,442.97

Carnegie Corporation

Contribution	\$320,000.00
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Miscellaneous

Hawaii	\$18.00
New Zealand	1.00
Anonymous and without address	33.50

Grand total \$1,749,706.31

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twice the size of the greatest libraries of the country, would have library buildings and between two and three hundred librarians and assistants, in forty great military camps in the country, would serve hundreds, close to a thousand, different stations and forts and posts and barracks of one kind and another, would have shipped abroad 300,000 volumes, would have done, in short, what you know has been done—how many members, in the face of such statement, would have considered it a dream, or a mere matter-of-fact statement of what would be easy to accomplish once they decided to undertake it? It is this dream that you have accomplished. It is you who went out and got the million dollars. It is you and hundreds and thousands of others who collected between three and four millions of books, not the members of the War Service Committee. It is you, who are yourselves the several hundred who, from first to last in the past year, have been formally connected with the administration in the camps, and in the dispatch offices, and the work of the committee has been merely in starting the ball rolling. So I say this is not the usual report. It is merely a reminder of work that you have been doing. Therefore, it is not so important that a printed statement of it be put in your hands a week in advance, to acquaint you fully with the character of the work and the details of it.

In the report of Dr. Hill's subcommittee on the "Million dollar fund," there are two honor rolls, to which I wish to allude. One is the "List of contributors to campaign fund," the underwriters. It is a brief list of those individuals and libraries who had such faith in the ability of the A. L. A. to do this work that they loaned the money which made it possible. Our obligation therefore is heavy to those whose names appear on that list.

Further on is another and a longer honor roll, showing the "Contributions by states, and cities and towns contributing \$200 or more." If your name, this morning, does not appear on either of these

honor rolls, do not take it as a matter for discouragement. There will be shortly another opportunity for similar enrollment and next year your name, in prominent place, will reach you in the next printed report.

Perhaps it is not too soon to see and say something of the effect that the A. L. A. Library War Service will have on civilian library status and activities in this country. It seems clear that these by-products will be several and of much importance. Successive campaigns for money and books are not only revealing the definitely recognized rôle of the book as a prime factor in morale and the many ways, hitherto undreamed of, in which books and libraries may be of war time service; but through all this the library is being very much more firmly fixed in the social consciousness as an essential institution as alert to its duties and opportunities in war as in peace.

All this will leave the library with a new and wholesome assurance. It has learned to ask boldly for what it needs and the splendid response has revealed the American people's belief in its work. We are left with a renewed faith in our work which heartens us greatly and will react on library work everywhere.

Enough has been said for this occasion. There are problems that have come up in the transaction of this work by the general director and his staff at Washington that are proper for discussion and comment. There are matters of policy that perhaps are likewise, but they will not be presented this morning from this platform. It is results, it is the work itself that we are putting before you. I want to emphasize in a definitive way that this report of the War Service Committee is more or less a report of progress. It is not unlikely, if the necessity for the work continues for another year, that you will raise more money and secure more books from the people of this country than you have in the year that has passed, that the work which seems so much like the realization

of a dream today, so almost incredible in its extent and character, will look small in comparison with the results of another year. So it is not as the sum or summary

of a work finished or done, that the War Service Committee brings its report to you this morning, but solely and purely as a progress report.

SENDING BOOKS "OVER THERE"*

BY W. H. BRETT, *Librarian, Cleveland Public Library*

The Newport News dispatch station was established early in March in a business block, removing to its own building in April. Newport News is one of the two large embarkation ports. The station was planned to supply the camps of the army and navy—some thirty in number—in the tidewater district, on both sides of Hampton Roads. The whole district includes many places having interesting associations with early Virginia history, the Revolution and the Civil War. The principal work of the station, however, is sending books overseas. The building is located conveniently to the piers and the embarkation headquarters and is similar to the camp library buildings in its construction.

The first librarian who did much to organize the work was Miss Margaret Mann, head cataloger of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. She was succeeded in April by Miss Sophie K. Hiss, catalog librarian of the Cleveland Public Library. The staff includes three former members of the Cleveland library staff, one from St. Louis and one from Davenport.

*Abstract of address, given more fully in the August *Library Journal*.

[NOTE: As the proofs of these papers and addresses of the Saratoga Springs Conference are passing through the press, the sad word is received of the sudden death, on August 24, of Mr. W. H. Brett.]

While the work has been under the general charge of the dispatch agent from the beginning, he has only been able to give a share of his time to it and most of the credit for the work that has been accomplished is due to the librarians and the staff.

The work of placing books in the camps is of great interest, as it brings more direct contact with the men in the service and has a great variety, the work being done through the Y. M. C. A. agencies, the Red Cross, the hospitals and the army and navy chaplains. Books are also issued directly to the men who visit the station. The principal work, however, is sending books overseas, which is done in two ways. The books are packed in boxes a little over 30 by 20 inches and about 8 inches in depth with one shelf and a solid cover which is screwed on and removable. The boxes form a convenient bookcase. They are largely placed on the decks in charge of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries who go overseas and are used by the men going over and afterward turned over to the agencies overseas, thus adding to the supply. Other books in still larger numbers, packed either in the boxes already described or in small packing cases, are placed in cargo and shipped to France, an allowance of twenty tons being made to this shipping station.